

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/18/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-13.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date see Attached.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Arno Naeckel on July 10, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 2, line 18, after "warning", -- to a network administrator --, has been inserted.

Claim 8, line 11, after "warning", -- to a network administrator --, has been inserted.

Claims 14 – 20 have been canceled.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to claim 2, the prior art to Ross teaches the method for automating error processing and correction comprising "storing a plurality of defective records in the master database, the plurality of defective billing records having error codes; applying one or more sets of error processing rules to the plurality of defective billing records to correct the billing records in accordance with error codes tat are define; and sending a warning when a defective billing record is encountered by one or more error processing rules that has an undefined error code." However, the prior art combination failed to teach, "receiving a plurality of defective billing records containing raw usage data sent

from a plurality of client computer sites, each having legacy usage and billing systems, at a centralized server site including a master database; and sending corrected billing records from the centralized server to the client computer sites that sent the defective billing records for further processing.”

As to claim 8, the prior art to Ross teaches a computer-readable medium storing a plurality of instructions to be executed by a processor for automating error processing and correction comprising “grouping the plurality of defective billing records by a defined error type; applying one or more sets of error processing rules to the plurality of defective billing records to correct the billing records in accordance with error codes tat are define; and sending a warning when a defective billing record is encountered by one or more error processing rules that has an undefined error code.” However, the prior art combination failed to teach, “receiving a plurality of defective billing records containing raw usage data sent from a plurality of client computer sites, each having legacy usage and billing systems, at a centralized server site including a master database; and sending corrected billing records from the centralized server to the client computer sites that sent the defective billing records for further processing.”

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gerardo Araque Jr. whose telephone number is


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(571)272-3747. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:30AM - 4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Weiss can be reached on (571) 272-6812. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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